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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Jun-Ichi Kawakami et al.

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Art Unit: 1626

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FUSED  
IMIDAZOLE COMPOUND, REFORMATSKY  
REAGENT IN STABLE FORM, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: L. Stockton

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary, Paper No. 2009012709, mailed January 30, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits this Statement of the Substance of Interview.

On January 27, 2009, Applicants' undersigned representative participated in a telephonic interview with Examiner Stockton, during which the art cited in the Final Office Action mailed August 21, 2008, was discussed. The Examiner recognized Applicants position and suggested the best course of action to address the issue would be to file for Pre-Appeal Review of the rejections. No final agreement as to the allowability of the claims was reached.

Applicants believe that no fees are required for consideration and entry of this paper. However, Applicants authorize the Director to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Stockton for participating in the interview.

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